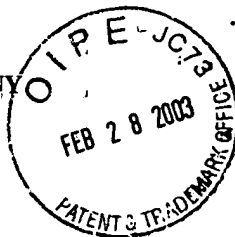


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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action mailed January 09, 2003 (the "Advisory Action"), please consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please consider the following claims for examination:

1. An electron emitter comprising:

a p region;

a dielectric layer formed above said p region;